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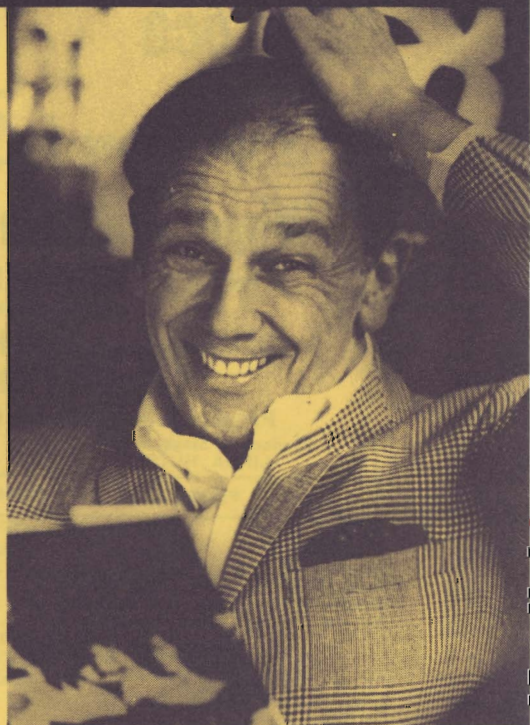
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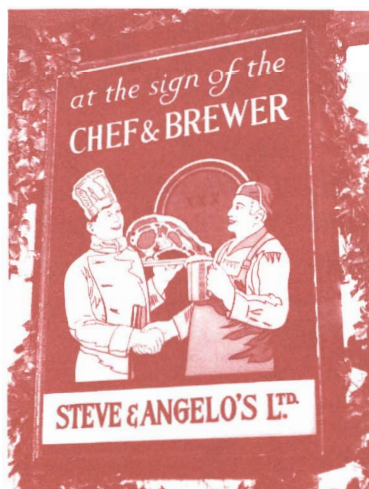
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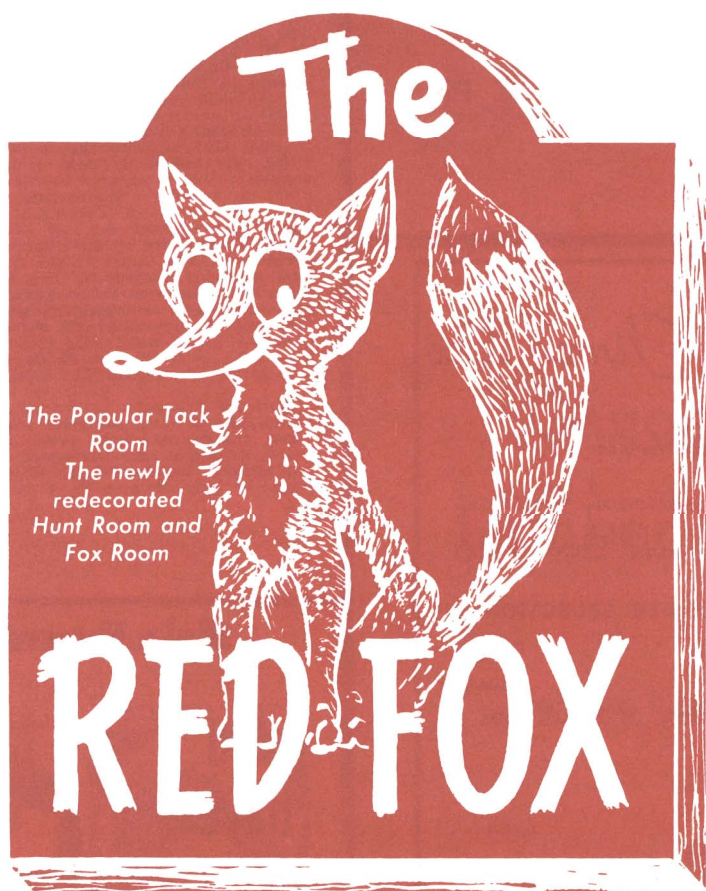
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At the age of six, Guy S. Little, Jr. laid plans for a future in theatre. Through the years of growing up and in selecting educational fields, he pursued his ultimate goal—a theatre of his own some day. A University of Miami graduate, Mr. Little furthered his theatrical education by taking post graduate courses at Columbia University and the American Theatre Wing. He served his apprenticeship at the Keene, New Hampshire Summer Theatre in 1951 and worked the following two summers at the Gateway Musical Playhouse near Atlantic City.

Realizing the struggle of young artists, Mr. Little has helped talented youngsters begin their professional careers in theatre, many of whom are now successfully performing in New York, Hollywood, leading theatres and on television. The Scholarship Apprenticeship Program offered by Mr. Little each season at The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few such programs offered in the country, bringing over 300 applications each year!

In finalizing his plans to open his own theatre in 1957, Guy tried to find a location in larger cities near his home town of Sullivan but was unable to find a suitable location. Too, his proposal for opening a professional theatre was not met with enthusiasm. Turning his efforts back to Sullivan, he leased the old movie house, The Grand Theatre, for his first Summer of Musicals. On July 3, 1957, Guy S. Little, Jr., presented his first musical, *Brigadoon*. The first season ran for nine weeks with an attendance of 8,000. Guy has been quoted as saying, "Sometimes it seemed that there were more people on stage than in the audience"! Last season, the 12th, which ran from May until October, over 80,000 persons attended The Little Theatre-On The Square!

Although primarily known as a producer, Mr. Little has directed, designed and built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician and performed in many of his productions. To the delight of many steady patrons, he may be seen in a chorus scene or a

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Guy and his wife, Jerilli, met when they were both attending the University of Miami. They have been married for 15 years and have two children, Vanessa, age 13 and Sean, age 7. Jerilli is a favorite performer of Sullivan audiences and Vanessa is already making her impression in theatre by appearing in major productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square each season. Sean made his debut at the age of four as his father's son in *Carousel* and proved his 'ham' ability would bear watching.

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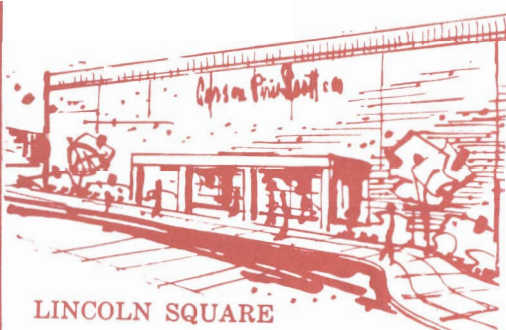
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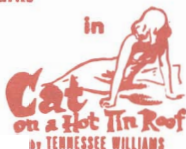
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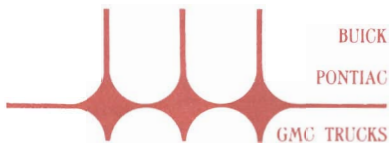


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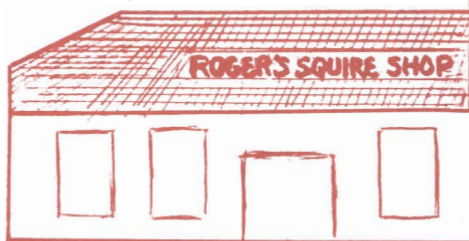
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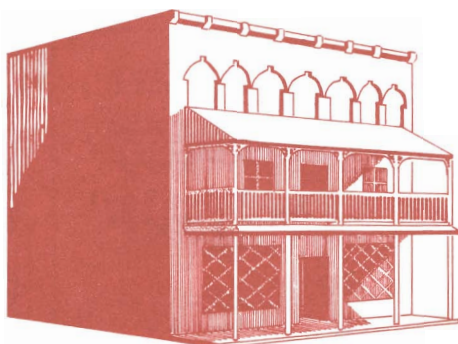


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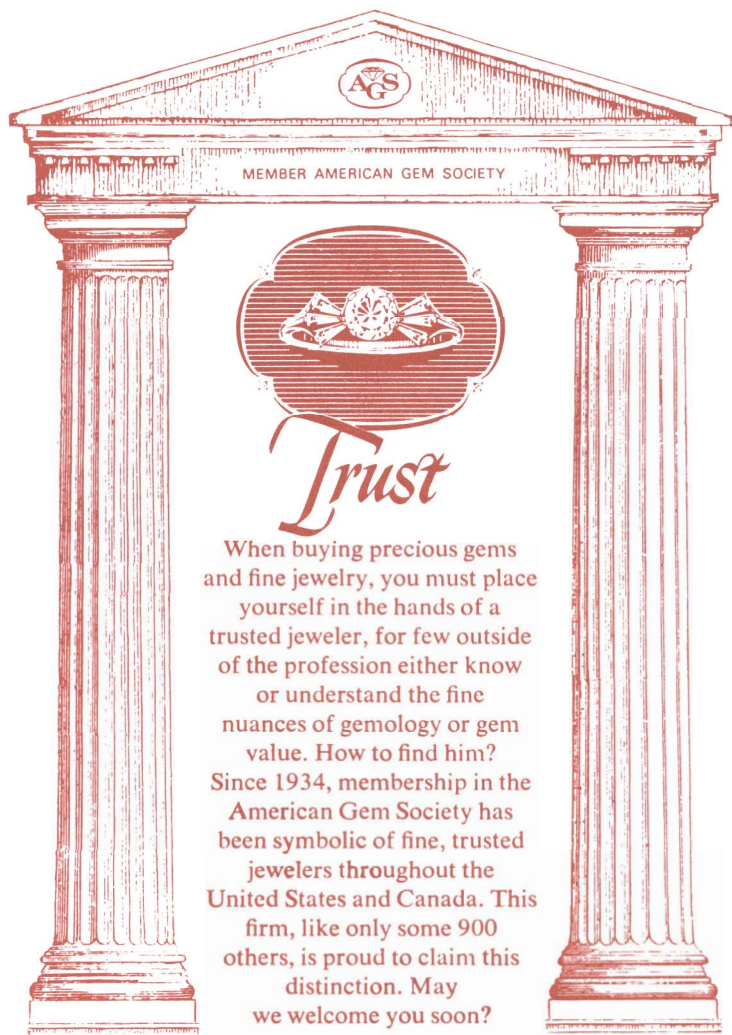
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

IMOGENE COCA (Harriet in *The Footsteps of Doves*, Edith in *I'll Be Home for Christmas* and Muriel in *I'm Herbert*) has been in show business all of her life. Even when she was a small child in her native Philadelphia. At the age of nine, she was tap dancing in vaudeville and after that, there was no holding her. She was a struggling dancer in New York when she was hired for the cast of Leonard Sillman's *New Faces of 1934*. She became a comedienne when, during a rehearsal, she borrowed a coat belonging to a then unknown actor named Henry Fonda so she could keep warm. She started to do a raggedy doll-type dance and producer Sillman saw her, thought it was great and put the routine in the show.

In 1949, Max Liebman co-starred her in his *Broadway Revue* on television with another relatively unknown comedian named Sid Caesar. It was the start of a show business legend that still persists to this day. A year later, Sid and Miss Coca had their own *Show of Shows* on television and it was one of the top rated shows on any network for eight years. Miss Coca won the highly coveted Peabody Award for her performances in *Show of Shows* which won two Emmy Awards. After leaving this show, she co-starred with Hal March in *The Imogene Coca Show* which was on the air for one season. Next, came the NBC-TV comedy series, *Grindl and It's About Time*. She also appeared in the special, entitled, *Sid Caesar-Imogene Coca-Carl Reiner-Howard Morris Show* which won Emmys for actors, writers and directors as Best Special of the Year.

The petite comedienne's movies, include *Under the Yum-Yum Tree* with Jack Lemon, Edie Adams and Carol Lynley. She also starred on Broadway in the comedy, *The Girls in 509* and has toured in many successful productions including *Janus*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Under the Sycamore Tree*, *Thurber's Carnival* and she and her husband, King Donovan, toured in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running* last winter for seven months. Just before coming to Sullivan, the couple co-starred in Traverse City, Michigan in *Never Too Late*, the production they presented for Guy Little in 1965 at the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet.

KING DONOVAN (Richard Pawling in *The Shock of Recognition*, George in *The Footsteps of Doves* and Chuck in *I'll Be Home for Christmas*) was born into show business for his parents were the vaudeville headliners "Donovan and Lee". Unlike most vaudevillians' children, however, King did not go right into the act. In fact, his own career did not begin until he had reached the ripe age of sixteen. But, by the time he was twenty-one, he had already appeared in over 50 stock productions, toured the entire country in Shakespearean Repertory, received classical training in the plays of Ibsen, Moliere, Chekov, Sheridan, Congriere and Wilde, and was appearing in the popular Broadway success *My Sister Eileen*.

During the war he served with the Eighth Air Force in the ETO and on V-E Day King found himself in Germany assigned to producing shows for the Army of the Occupation. Performing for the services went from being a job to a kind of regular reunion, for after his discharge he continued to go overseas to Europe, Africa and the Far East during the holidays for many years.

It was during these years that he began working in pictures, has appeared in over two dozen, starring and being featured in such films as *The Defiant Ones*, *Perfect Furlough*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *Magnetic Monster* and *Singing In The Rain*.

When television came to the West Coast, King was deeply involved with the theatre movement there and had diversified his activities in the line of directing. For a period of 6 years, there was constantly one of his productions being performed in the Los Angeles area.

He took happily to TV, both as an actor and a director, appeared on virtually all of the major shows, both dramatic and comedy, emanating from the West Coast. He had continuous parts with both Ann Sothern and 'Burns and Allen', and for four years he played Harvey

Helm on the Bob Cummings Show. He directed many episodes of Miss Coca's *Grindl* and recently, Marlo Thomas in *That Girl*.

In 1958 King appeared on Broadway in *The Girls in 509* and it was there that he met Imogene Coca. Since then they have appeared in nine productions, touring in the national companies of *Once Upon A Mattress* and *A Thurber Carnival* and for six months in their own production of *The Fourposter*. Last season they toured the country for seven months in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running*.

DICK GJONOLA (Jack Barnstable in *The Shock of Recognition* and Salesman in *The Footsteps of Doves*) returns to The Little Theatre-On-The-Square to appear in the final three plays of the season. His first appearance was in the opening production this season, *Cactus Flower*, followed by *The Impossible Years*, *The Private Ear* and *Annie Get Your Gun*.

In less than three years in show business, Mr. Gjonola has acquired an impressive list of stage, film and TV credits. He has starred in *What Makes Sammy Run*, *Craig's Wife*, *Be Your Age* and has added his comedy touch to roles in *Harvey*, *Life With Father* and *All Because Of Agatha*.

A talented singer as well as actor, Dick has been seen in night clubs including the Lake Club in Springfield, Ill. as well as appearing as the principal production singer on a tour of State Fairs. On television, Dick has been seen in commercials for everything from hair spray to beer. He has appeared in leading Chicago theatres in *Barefoot In The Park* and *The Paisley Convertible*. His film credits include playing the title role in *The Psychic* to be released this fall.

JOHN KELSO (Herbert in *I'm Herbert*) has been one of Sullivan's most versatile and favorite actors since 1959.

Mr. Kelso has appeared as George in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* opposite Mercedes McCambridge, Will Parker in *OklaHoma!* with Bruce Yarnell, Ben in *No Time For Sergeants* with Peter Marshall and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls* opposite Jane Kean, directed and played the part of Sakini in *The Teahouse of the August Moon* with Ron Ely, played Charlie Davenport in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz, directed *Do I Hear A Waltz?* starring Patricia Morison, played Jerry Cohan in *George M!*, Mike in *Pal Joey* and Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man* with Peter Palmer.

Just before coming to Sullivan this season, Mr. Kelso directed the opening production of the new Falstaff Theatre in the Spanish Pavilion in St. Louis, *Nobody Loves An Albatross*, starring Gig Young.

BILL HADDAD (Herb Miller in *The Shock of Recognition*) returned to Sullivan for his sixth season after being featured with Molly Picon in *The Solid Gold Cadillac* at Pheasant Run Playhouse. Bill's favorite roles during the past several years include Macy in *Here's Love* with Julia Meade, Luther Billis in *South Pacific* with Betty Ann Grove, Max in *Sound Of Music* with Dorothy Collins and Pellenore in *Camelot*. This season he has been seen in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield, *The Impossible Years* with Durward Kirby, *Teahouse Of The August Moon* with Ron Ely and was featured as Sitting Bull in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Mr. McIlhenny in *Do I Hear A Waltz?*, Sam Harris in the midwest premiere of *George M!* and Ludlow Lowell in *The Music Man*.

CYNTHIA CLINE (Dorothy in *The Shock of Recognition*, Jill in *The Footsteps of Doves* and Clarice in *I'll Be Home for Christmas*) has been seen this season in the parts of Mrs. Ferguson in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz, Giovanna in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison, Ethel Levy, the first wife of George M. Cohan in *George M!* with Bill Hayes and Dottie in *Pal Joey* with Margaret Whiting.

"Cindy" is from Decatur and held the title of Decatur's Junior Miss of 1966 and was a finalist in the state contest. She was an American Field Service Exchange Student during her Junior year in High School and spent three months in Brazil. Presently an Illinois State University Junior, she plans to continue her education with emphasis in theatre. Cindy is Secretary of the I.S.U. Junior Class next year.

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